(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Setting up of Old Age Homes for Senior Citizens

2756. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up old age homes for the senior citizens in the country, to provide necessary living facilities to the destitute and neglected senior citizens;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of such homes set up or likely to be set up in the near future in Maharashtra, with the details thereof;

(d) whether Government propose to encourage voluntary organisation to set up such homes in the country, particularly in Maharashtra; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Central Government is implementing a scheme namely "Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for Programmes relating to the Aged" under which the voluntary organisations are provided grant-in-aid to set up Old Age Homes, Day care Centres, Mobile Medicare Units and Non-Institutional Services Units for the Welfare of the Aged: A Statement indicating the State-wise number of Old Age Homes being assisted under the scheme is attached *(see* below).

(c) Four Old Age Homes were assisted in Maharashtra during 1994-95.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. The proposals received from the voluntary organisations in the country including Maharashtra for setting up of Old Age Homes will be considered subject to availability of funds under the Scheme.

Statement

Number of Old Age Homes assisted during 1994-95 under the Scheme for Assistance to voluntary Organisations for Programmes relating to Aged.

SI. No.	Name of State/ Union Territory	No. of Old Age Homes
1.	Andhra Pradesh	68
2.	Assam	1
3.	Bihar	2
4.	Gujarat	1
5.	Haryana	3
6.	Karnataka	10
7.	Kerala	3
8.	Madhya Pradesh	7
9.	Maharashtra	4
10.	Manipur	9
11.	Orissa	23
12.	Tamil Nadu	22
13.	Tripura	2
14.	Uttar Pradesh	30
15.	West Bengal	23
16.	Pondicherry	1
	Total	209

वृद्धावस्था पेंशन योजना

2757. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव** :

श्री नागमणि :

क्या **कृषि** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि **:**

(क) क्या सरकार कृषि मजदूरों के लिए वृद्धावस्था पेंशन योजना के लागू करने का विचार रखती है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) योजना कब तक कार्यान्वित किए जाने की संभावना है;

(घ) क्या यह योजना पूर्णतया केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा प्रायोजित की जायेगी; और

(ड) यदि नहीं, तो इस पर राज्य सरकारों की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अरविन्द नेताम) : (क) से (ड) विशेष रूप से कृषि मजदूरों के लिए वृद्धवस्था पेंशन योजना लागू करने का कोई